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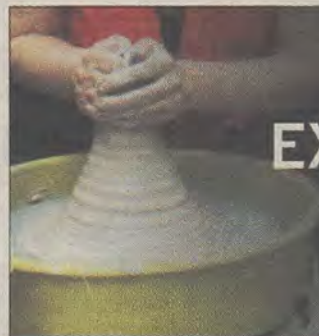
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Dean of students search continues

BY TAYLOR COOPER

The George-Anne staff

Two of the three candidates for the dean of students position have given their presentations, with the third candidate scheduled to present Monday.

Director of Student Affairs and

current Interim Dean of Students Patrice Buckner and Director of Student Development at Auburn University Brandon Frye are both current candidates for the dean position.

"Honestly, no matter who we pick, they currently foster or will develop everything they need to be

the next dean of students," President of Student Government Association and dean search committee member Dominique Quarles said.

"One thing you will discover is that all three candidates are outstanding. The challenge is finding the one that will fit best for students, administration and faculty," Warren

Riles, director of career services, said.

The first candidate, who presented on May 1, was Buckner. Her presentation addressed the importance of student safety, getting students involved in problem solving, media overload as well as detailing her experience at Georgia

Southern University. She included the discussion on making sure the university as a whole has a unified message to students, faculty, administration, parents and alumni.

"I think she did a great job," Kerry Greenstein, assistant dean of students, said. "She talked about

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Track and field grads look to future plans

BY KEVIN GREGAN

The George-Anne staff

Azura Robillard, Millicent Brooks-Millender, Raquel Daly and Charnelle Wray are members of the Georgia Southern University track and field team that will be soaring on to the next phase of their lives after what these women reflected on as the best time of their lives.

"We're going to miss our teammates, I think we can all agree. We've been with these girls, literally, from Sunday to Sunday," Daly said.

"We've got a funny group of characters around here," Robillard said. "We've had girls tell us that when they joined us, they came out of their shells and we've been a close team," Daly added.

During her career at GSU, Robillard

finished first in three javelin meets and made four top-five finishes in the 800-meter run. In addition to Robillard competing on the track team, she was also a member of the cross-country team for all four of her years at GSU.

"I've got an internship in Miami this summer that I'm excited for," Robillard said. "After that, I'll be starting graduate school for sports management here at GSU."

Daly also had a productive career as an Eagle. She was on the team for two seasons and was an important part of the 4x400-meter relay team.

"I've got an internship at Safe Haven here in Statesboro over the summer and then I'll start applying to graduate schools for nursing," Daly said.

Brooks-Millender's jumping ability made her known in the SoCon. She

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EAGLES WALK-OFF VS. BUCS



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Sophomore infielder Stryker Brown (2) slides into second base while attempting a steal during the Eagles' 2-1 victory over Charleston Southern University. See online for details.



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Former Secretary of State to speak at GSU

BY TJ JACKSON

The George-Anne staff

Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright will speak at Georgia Southern University's Hanner Fieldhouse on Tuesday, September 18 at 7 p.m. which will be free and open to the public.

Albright was chosen by President Clinton as the first female U.S. Secretary of State in 1997. At the time, she was the highest-ranking woman in the history of the U.S. government, according to a press release issued by Betsy Nolen, assistant director administrative of the Office of Marketing and Communications.

"Our students will learn a great deal from Madeleine Albright's history-making and distinguished diplomatic career," Dr. Teresa Thompson, Ph.D. in educational administration and GSU Vice President of Student Affairs and Enrollment Management, said. "We want to prepare our students to be leaders in the classroom and in their chosen fields after graduation."

The Office of Student Leadership and Civil

Engagement chose Albright to come speak based on recommendations from students within various organizations such as Student Government and Southern Leaders

Program, Dr. Todd Deal, Ph.D. in chemistry and director of the OSLCE, said.

"I was surprised because I didn't think students knew (Albright) because she was out of office in 2001, but she came out as a number one choice," Deal said.

"(The OSLCE) doesn't know what Albright will be discussing, but since she was an ambassador to the United Nations, we hope that she will talk about global leadership," Deal said.

There will be a dinner beforehand so we will have some sort of process in which students will be chosen to meet Albright. In the past there have been essay contests and



MADELEINE ALBRIGHT

nominations, Deal said.

"It's really exciting to have one of the first high profile female political leaders come to GSU," newly appointed SGA Vice President and public relations major Christina Belge said.

Albright will receive the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, from President Obama later this spring, according to the press release.

"An opportunity to hear from someone who has spent years making decisions with international impact will give our students important insight about what it means to lead effectively," Thompson said.

Albright became secretary following the end of the Cold War, Dr. Debra Sabia Ph.D. in political science and political science professor, said.

"Everyone was excited that she was the first woman secretary," Sabia said.

"It caught the world's attention because it was a breaking of the glass ceiling for a lot of women and invigorated the discussion for women politicians to become president," Sabia said.

"She seemed to embrace this idea that we needed to work toward peace in the world. Albright had a new perspective on the world. With the collapse of the Soviet Union, there was opportunity for peace," Sabia said.

"As a woman she symbolized that vision and hope. She was not afraid of backing down. She came into a historic space where it was a time to rethink our national priorities. Albright symbolized a new face for the world, not only a new role for women, but a new place for peace," Sabia said.

She is a professor in the Practice of Diplomacy at the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and chairs both the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs and the Pew Global Attitudes Project.

She serves as president of the Truman Scholarship Foundation and she is a member of an advisory body, the U.S. Defense Department's Defense Policy Board, according to the press release.

Deal said there will be another guest speaker in spring 2013.

Ivan Feign, Mui Wo, Hong Kong, B.F.A. photography student



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Student strives through disability

BY CHRISTLE YOUNG

The George-Anne contributor

Gregory Sapp, a graduating senior psychology major at Georgia Southern University, served in the military for eight years and has participated in marathons in five states.

Sapp has been involved with multiple sports, including wheelchair racing, hand cycling and wheelchair basketball.

"I'm a wheel chair racer. I race with a hand cycle. I do major marathons. I'm doing the Detroit marathon in October," Sapp said.

He was featured on a Discovery Health Center show called "Mystery Diagnosis." The show describes him going about a normal workday when he experienced numbness in his leg.

Within 24 hours of the numbness setting in, Sapp was hospitalized and eventually diagnosed with a disease called transverse myelitis.

Transverse myelitis does not have a cure, but it can be treated.

Sapp has been a wheelchair racer for three years.

"I spent eight years in the Army so I race with a lot of people who are amputees. I'm actually an Iraq war veteran," Sapp said.

"People who come back from Iraq or Afghanistan injured, I race with those people. It gives them encouragement," Sapp said.

"Some of them haven't even been back six months and have had their leg blown off, but they get out there racing on a bike like I have. There's this one guy that I race with, he has no arms or legs,

and he actually runs now," Sapp said.

"It helps build a team of people that go through what I go through," Sapp said.

He has been a part of marathons in Detroit, Chicago, Washington D.C. and New York with foundations such as the Achilles Freedom Team and the Christopher Reed Foundation.

"The hand cycle you saw in that picture is not the one I race with now. People don't understand how much these things cost. This one's \$7,000," Sapp said.

"If people give to this organization, they're helping veterans get bikes like this," Sapp said.

"(The hand cycle) is like a row boat. This one, we had sixty people that used those. But the race itself, it was like 50,000 people. This one right here was D.C. It was the Marine Corps marathon," Sapp said.

Sapp is part of The Student Disability Resource Center, which helps other disabled students at GSU.

"They do different things for disabled students like test proctoring where we're allowed to take test by ourselves. It's separate from the rest of the class," Sapp said.

"We each have our own separate room because a lot of people get distracted, like myself, in a class environment taking a test. They do things on campus like wheelchair basketball and stuff like that," Sapp said.

"(Meeting other people) is another thing the SDRC helps with because a lot of the veterans are different from traditional students. I'm in my 30s. It kind of helps because you get to meet other people like yourself," Sapp said.



Courtesy of Gregory Sapp

Gregory Sapp competes in various sport activities, which include wheelchair racing and hand cycling.

"I think other people should use (the SDRC), even people with ADHD. They can use the services because they can go there and take their tests separate from the class," Sapp said.

"We're here for the students, we support students with disabilities. All students must self identify as having a disability so they need to come to us and let us know that they have a qualifying disability, and we do have a process whereby they do have to document that disability," Michael Chamber, director of the student disability resource center, said.

"We then have to identify what the needs of the student are. Then put in place academic accommodations aimed at addressing their needs," Chamber said.

Assistant SDRC Director Deborah Perez-Lopez said, "Some students feel like there's a stigma associated with that (getting help). But the students that come here and utilize accommodations statistically make a 0.8 grade point average higher."

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Our View

New dean of students should put students first

As we reported in the Tuesday edition of The George-Anne, the search for a new dean of students at Georgia Southern University is nearing its conclusion and the final three candidates for the position have been invited to meet students and tour the campus.

There will be, and have been, multiple interviews for the candidates during their visits to GSU. The directors' interview and the staff interview will include the offices of the Dean of Students, Student Conduct, Fraternity and Sorority Relations, Multicultural Student Center and Student Media, according to the dean of students on-campus interview list.

We believe that the top quality that should drive GSU's choice should be someone that will put the students first.

The dean of students needs to be someone who can forge a strong relationship with the student body.

They should also be able to foster a healthy relationship between students and the rest of the university administration.

We encourage all officials involved in the decisions to put the students first and choose a dean of students that will do the same, as well as encouraging students to participate in the search as much as possible.

The George-Anne welcomes letters to the editor and appropriate guest columns. All copy submitted should be 350 words or fewer, typed, and sent via e-mail in Microsoft Word format to gaeditor@georgiasouthern.edu. All submissions must be signed and include phone number for verification. GSU students should include their academic major, year and hometown. The editors reserve the right to reject any submission and edit submissions for length.

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President Keel: See y'all later

The George-Anne asked me to write a short "goodbye" piece to our 20,000-plus students to send you on your way in a couple of short weeks, and I must admit that I had a hard time with this assignment.

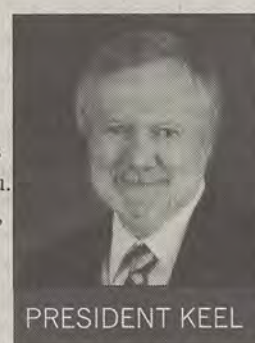
Each May, I find myself filled with thoughts about what this time of year brings. For over 2,000 of you, it means that you have fulfilled all the requirements needed to receive your college degree, and many of you will leave Georgia Southern University and Statesboro. For several thousand more of you, it means that you are taking a break – albeit a brief break – from GSU so that you can work, play, or do both.

And then for nearly half of our entire student body who will attend summer semester, the only change will be the length of classes and the rise in temperature and humidity.

So, you see, there is no one "goodbye" that applies to all of you.

There is, however, one trait that does apply: you are all part of the Eagle Nation. To our Spring 2012 graduates, instead of saying goodbye, I will instead say, "Welcome to the Eagle Nation," as alumni. It's the same book, just a different chapter.

To those of you who are taking a break from school for the summer, I will welcome you back in August as seasoned Eagle Nation students, along with more than 3,000 rookie



PRESIDENT KEEL

Eagle freshmen.

And for those of you who will be staying throughout the summer, we will work hard to keep you soaring high and replenished throughout the intense summer semester.

It doesn't really feel right saying goodbye to any of you. Goodbye is too final, too permanent.

Perhaps the Hawaiian culture has it right by saying "aloha" instead of goodbye or hello. As this semester comes to a close and as we confer degrees, make our summer plans, admit new students for the fall and gear up for another great year, I want to wish all of you every success, much happiness and a safe time.

But I won't be telling any of you goodbye. Instead, let me just say, in my very best Southern English, "I'll see y'all later!"

- Brooks A. Keel, President

Mugshots should reflect V.A.L.U.E.S.

Consider this an open letter to all professors currently working at Georgia Southern University.

You're hurting us. Specifically, you are damaging the image of our beloved university, with its scenic Sweetheart Circle and duck-filled lakes.

Recent times have seen multiple professors investigated and charged with criminal activity.

In November, now-former Writing and Linguistics Department Chair Randall McClure was arrested and charged with a felony — theft by deception — on Nov. 14 before being released on bond.

In December, biology professor Lance Durden was charged with one count of animal cruelty.

More recently, we have reported on accusations of misused funds levied against calculus professor Steven Damelin.

Frankly, this is making us look bad.

Yes, I understand the concept of "innocent until proven guilty," and I fully support it. None of the above can

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OPS EDITOR

be considered guilty until proven so in a court of law.

But seriously, do any of you guys know how to take a mugshot?

I know you don't exactly have time to prepare for the camera, but you could try to look like you've seen a mirror in the past year or so? Maybe try to calm down that cowlick sticking off the top of your head.

Mr. Durden, you are a professor at a prestigious research university with over 20,000 students. We know you have a good brain in you, but you need to make up your mind between normal hair and mad scientist hair. Your mugshot was stuck in the middle. Not working.

And don't forget to smile. Damelin's mugshot, which we printed and put with the story online, is a picture of the most depressed and depressing person I have. Mr. Damelin, you are tenured professor here at GSU. Hell, you actually understand calculus, something most of us only dream of. Try to look like someone of your caliber.

I've been to funerals where people, including the deceased, looked more upbeat.

On the other hand, maybe that's what happens to people who spend their lives doing calculus.

I'm sure our darling GSU can handle a few felonies here and there. No biggie. But please, try to class it up a bit. "Theft by deception" is already one of the classiest of crimes. Money laundering and organized crime are not too far off.

Make us proud. Brush your teeth, keep your hair down and try to keep it classy. We have an image to protect.

LaSalle is a junior writing and linguistics major from Cumming, Ga.

Letters to the Editor

Faculty pay needs attention

Dear Editor,

The members of the Georgia Southern University Chapter of the American Association of University Professors (AAUP) appreciate the attention paid to the issue of faculty salaries in the April 4 edition of The George-Anne, "Professors Continue Without Pay Raise."

As the largest organization of higher education faculty in the nation, the AAUP pays great attention to issues of faculty welfare and compensation. The members of our chapter share a concern about the effect that recent furloughs, salary compression and inversion (that is, hiring assistant professors at greater salaries than veteran associate and full professors) have on recruiting and, in particular, on retaining the best professors to teach at GSU.

Recently, the AAUP completed a national study of faculty salaries. The results reveal that GSU instructors at every rank (adjunct, lecturer, assistant professor, associate professor and full professor) are paid much less than faculty in the same rank at peer institutions. The most recent data shows that faculty at Georgia State University, University of Georgia, East Carolina University, University of North Carolina-Charlotte and Appalachian State University are all better paid on average than faculty at GSU. In the peer group of seven institutions, GSU consistently ranked in the bottom, at No. 5 or 6 for faculty compensation.

As a service to the university community, we have posted the chart with this data along with several others that consider faculty at different ranks, retirement contributions and benefit expenditures to our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/GeorgiaSouthernAAUP).

As was noted in the article, this is a topic that all faculty consider important, but it's one that is sometimes difficult to broach. At the Faculty Senate, recent discussions suggest that faculty are concerned that increases in student tuition and fees have resulted in significantly more administrative hires, while larger classes, furloughs and effective pay cuts are the reality for most faculty. According to the GSU Fact Book, from 2007 to 2010, the number of administrators increased by 133 percent, while the number of faculty increased by only 1.7 percent.

The GSU AAUP is concerned about the

impact of this kind of trend will have on the future of our university, since instructional hiring has not kept pace with the instructional demand. Administrators do not teach the students whose presence is the very purpose of the university—and yet, faculty, who do teach, are not being hired in sufficient numbers to offer enough classes for students to graduate in a timely manner.

The AAUP welcomes the recent formation of a university committee to investigate compensation across our campus. In addition to examining instances of salary compression and inversion, we expect that the committee will also consider ways in which resources are redirected away from the teaching mission of the university. As a result of furloughs, increased insurance premiums and a salary freeze for four years, most professors have experienced a 6.13 percent decline in their real wages (inflation adjusted) since 2007.

Meanwhile, redefinitions of administrative positions or new hires have resulted in increases in wages. While the average faculty salary decreased by \$685, the average salary for non-faculty earning more than \$50,000 a year has increased by \$2,300. Non-faculty earning more than \$100,000 a year have seen their salaries increase over the last four years by an average of \$4,000-\$6,000. One current administrator earns \$66,000 more per year than his predecessor. For the purposes of comparison, many full professors in the humanities have annual salaries smaller than this increase.

As GSU considers moving into the FBS, the Statesboro Herald reports that one of the key priorities of Phase I is to ensure "that coaches in all sports are paid at or above the Southern Conference mid-point to keep good coaches in Statesboro." The members of GSU wish that the university would make a similar commitment to the faculty. When compared to other doctoral level universities, GSU's faculty is in the lowest 10th percentile for salaries. This past January, Vice President Joe Biden was asked why tuition has risen so sharply in recent years, and his response was faculty salaries. Sorry Joe, not in Georgia.

Thanks again for bringing this issue to the forefront, where it belongs.

Sincerely,

The GSU Chapter of the AAUP
Michael Moore, president
Michelle Haberland, vice president
Trent Maurer, secretary-treasurer

Chivalry isn't dead; respect is

I made a friend in my recent Internet fame who is the Editor-in-Chief of the student newspaper "District" at Savannah College of Art and Design. Upon talking with him about possible column ideas, he told me that he had to tell me a story about chivalry.

Last Wednesday night, Ken Rosen, a man of chivalrous character, received a phone call from an inebriated lady-friend who needed a ride home. Ken quickly decided that she should not have to walk home on the dangerous Savannah streets and chose to pick her up.

When Ken arrived at the bar he noticed that his lady-friend was not ready to leave, so he waited until two girls, instead of the expected one, stumbled towards his car.

Ken, being a man of chivalrous character, got out of his recently purchased dream car and opened the door for the ladies, when suddenly the unanticipated third party passed out on the hood of Ken's car, scratching it with her keys.

Ken Rosen, still shocked by the scratch that adorned his brand new vehicle, knelt down to help the helpless hot-mess up. Seconds after standing, the unanticipated third party fell over a second time, again scratching his hood.

Ken left his home on Wednesday night with the intention of helping a friend respectfully and

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was instead granted drunken disrespect.

So maybe chivalry isn't dead. Maybe it's mutual respect that's dead. Let's be honest, ladies aren't going to respect a guy who is nothing but a d-bag, and guys won't respect a lady that acts like a tramp.

The sad part is that we're okay with being disrespected. We're becoming accustomed to disrespect as the norm, and yet we still expect respect.

It seems we're at a stand still. Maybe in order to be treated like royalty we need to act like it in the first place. Maybe we still need to give respect to gain it in return.

Maybe then we'd all be a little happier.

Escher is a sophomore journalism major from Canton, Ga.

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safety on a large scale — financial safety, academic safety and physical well-being in a general sense.”

“She connected well with the subjects that she chose and what they are to students, and how the role of the Dean of Students can play a role with students on campus,” Greenstein said.

In an interview with student leaders, Buckner emphasized supporting students, but clarified that support does not mean appeasing students. She is a strong proponent of holding students accountable for their actions, she said, and that is her method of support.

“Buckner is a strong candidate and brings great depth of experience and a genuine concern and care for the student body,” Carter Walton, assistant director of student activities, said.

Buckner could not be reached for an interview.

Frye gave his presentation yesterday, May 2.

“This is a natural progression of my career. My old job at Auburn will allow me to transition well to the position,” Frye said. “The tough part is not knowing the other candidates. I don’t know how I stack up against them.”

“If you broke down what I’m all about, it would be student success,” Frye said. “In order

for me to succeed I have to know, hear and be there for students.”

Frye discussed campus unprofessionalism among students, stating that it can lead to a variety of situations like hostile environments, sexual harassment and disturbances in the classroom.

“We need to connect with students on their level,” Frye said “I don’t want any student feeling like they don’t have access to me.”

Frye is passionate about stopping bullying on campus, and he naturally fights for the underdog.

“I thought he did a good job, him and Ms. Buckner. His presentation was pretty reflective of yesterday’s presentation,” Vince Miller, director of student affairs, said. “Both spoke to the importance of campus civility and safety.”

“The faculty and students were very welcoming,” Frye said. “I had an excellent time on campus, met some great students and was honored to be considered for the job.”

The candidates have been chosen from a pool of more than 80 applicants. The applicants were interviewed and narrowed down by a dean search committee chaired by Miller.

Arielle Coambes contributed to this article.

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Ceramics professor Jane Pleak to retire

BY MARISSA MARTIN

The George-Anne contributor

When arriving to Georgia Southern University 28 years ago, Jane Pleak brought her passion and a goal to create a ceramics art program.

Pleak is now retiring after years of teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in ceramics, kiln building, glaze calculation and foundation courses in art at GSU.

"From all the years I have been here, my students have gone from step A to the end of the alphabet in their growth. I think that as teachers, that's what we do. We have students and we want them to grow whether they are going to be professional artists or professional parents. I think my goal here has been to get students to grow and mature," Pleak said.

In 1984, when Pleak first came to GSU, the art department lacked an outlet for sculptors.

"I constructed the ceramics program and I started with Ceramic One, Two and Three. We

probably have one of the best programs in the Southeast area of the United States," Pleak said.

In addition to Club Mud, Pleak has implemented the Empty Bowl Project and two scholarships: The Jeff Nichols Art History Award and Lewis Alquist Memorial Scholarship for Creativity.

"The Empty Bowl Project is where potters participate in making bowls and they sell them at a fundraiser with chili or soup. The proceeds go toward the food bank, and this year they raised something like two thousand dollars for the Statesboro food bank," Julie McGuire, art history professor, said.

"She has founded a scholarship in her late husband's name, the Lewis Alquist Memorial Scholarship, to fund visiting artists to come here. She wanted to continue exposing students to professionals," Patricia Carter, art department chair, said. "She will also have a scholarship in her name for 'Excellence in Ceramics,' which will be started by alumni students who knew her."

Amy Bryan, junior 3D art major, and many



JANE PLEAK

other students are saddened to learn that Pleak will leave GSU after this semester. "She goes beyond what regular professors would do and is always available. She is more like a mentor," Bryan said. "She encouraged me to apply for the National Conference for the Education for the Ceramic Arts, and I got it. If Jane wouldn't have pushed me to do it I would not have applied."

"I may not be here without all the work she has done to get this facility. And the facility is what got me to come to Georgia Southern, and not many colleges of our size have this," Kimberly Riner, graduate ceramic art student and assistant art professor, said. "She worked really hard to get this built."

Along with students, fellow professors

admire Pleak for her "tough love."

"She started out when she was younger, welding locomotives," McGuire said. "She's got the brain and the brawns."

"She's tough, and when you get a compliment from her you know she means it. I think people will remember her as being tough, but she will always have our best interest," Riner said.

Her accomplishments at GSU will not go unnoticed. After the May 2012 Club Mud sale, a reception will be held to honor Pleak's career.

"We're having a reception after the twenty-eighth annual Club Mud sale. Faculty and students will be coming in and giving a tribute to her," McGuire said. "We're telling her how great she is and thanking her for all she has done."

The reception, named "This is Your Academic Life," will be held on Saturday, May 5, at 7 p.m. in the Center for Art and Theatre after her last Club Mud sale.

"It is going to be sad to see what all changes, especially during my last year of school," Bryan said. "It will be hard to compare to Jane."

Averitt to bring the outdoors into gallery

BY E. FEAGIN OLIVER

The George-Anne contributor

Inspired and fascinated by the natural world around them, artists and students Drew Cottril, a master of fine arts graduate student, and Virginia Russell, MFA graduate student, have created works that reflect the beauty they draw from the outdoors.

These works will be collected and put on display at the Averitt Center for the Arts in an exhibit entitled "Earth, Air, Fire and Water." The exhibit will be available for viewing from tomorrow until June 23.

The opening reception will take place at the Averitt Center at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 4, and is open to the public.

"We expect quite a crowd," Sheila Leach, curator and gallery coordinator at the Averitt Center, said. "The exhibit will be up for approximately nine weeks, so if people don't get a chance to come out on Friday there will be plenty of opportunity to come out and view the exhibit."



Matt Veal/The George-Anne

"The work lent itself to 'Earth, Air, Fire and Water' as a theme," Leach said. "One artist is a painter, and in fact, he's a plein aire painter."

This painter, Cottril, is a local artist and will be featuring landscape paintings in acrylic and oil at the exhibit. Plein aire is French for "in the open air," and is the name for a style, which literally consists of painting landscapes while outside.

"It's plein aire, but it is illustrative of what I actually see," Cottril said. "It's more

impressionistic, more free."

"With the landscapes, I think there is a lot of nostalgia. It will reawaken some feelings," Leach said. "Drew's work is about the things you see in Georgia and in the community."

"Why do I use nature as a subject? It's consistent. It's probably one of the few consistent things in life. It's always there. It goes through changes that are beautiful," Cottril said.

"His work is about the external world and her's [Russell's] is about the internal, domestic world within the home," Leach said. "We thought it would be cool to have someone who worked with the physical earth, which is why we asked Virginia Russell."

Russell, also a local artist, will accompany Cottril's paintings with her ceramic and clay art. Her works take the form of dishes, bowls, jugs and other types of pottery and clayware. The works are formed from the fusion of earth and fire, making them very appropriate for an exhibit named for the elements. These pieces are decorated with and inspired by things and moments found in nature, Leach said.

"Her work is more domestically based," Leach said. "I think people, they'll enjoy seeing Virginia's creativity and the way she uses color and form and puts things together and the sense of being with loved ones and having a good time."

"She uses items out of nature— insects, lizards. She's dealing with clay out of the earth, so it's consistent with nature," Cottril said.

"Both of their works are very harmonious," Leach said. "Drew is going to be exhibiting about twenty landscapes, and it looks like Virginia will be exhibiting about nine vignettes, which are sets of pottery or dishes selected by the artist. They'll both be at the opening, so they'll be able to greet the guests and answer any questions about their art."

"There's a couple of things I hope people take from it: one, just how much talent there is in the community, and how fun it is to look at art exhibits and see what other people create," Leach said.

Cottril said, "Hopefully they get a moment to really look and see how beautiful the world is."

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- 2 for 1 bombs
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Averitt Center hosts Emma Kelly Awards

BY KRYSHA MCGARITY

The George-Anne contributor

Downtown Statesboro will be transformed into a red carpet affair as the Averitt Center for the Arts hosts its first ever Emma Kelly Award's ceremony.

The ceremony will take place on Friday, May 18, at 7:30 p.m. inside the Emma Kelly Theater.

Students from Georgia Southern University are up for nominations in several of the categories.

"We have a great relationship with Georgia Southern, so a lot of students from there are involved in our shows," Melinda Roell, the development director at the Averitt Center for the Arts, said.

Brian Strickland, senior vocal performance and choral music education major at GSU, is up for best male vocalist and best male actor.

"It came as a shock because there is so much great talent in Statesboro. This is the first time I'm being recognized for my talent," Strickland said.

A lot of effort goes into planning and preparing for a show, nominee for best supporting actor and best male vocalist and junior music education major Jacob Furse said.

"I don't spend a lot of time by myself and internalize the character. It works for some people, but when I do it, it comes off as fake. What I do is go to rehearsal, run the scene and try to figure out how I would feel in the scenario. Then I portray what comes to mind," Furse said.

The award ceremony is named after Emma Thompson Kelly, a Statesboro native who was an accomplished performer.

"This award show is a way to celebrate local artists here in Statesboro. The award is named after Emma Kelly, or the Lady of Six Thousand Words. The theater is also named after her," Roell said.

The award ceremony will be set up similarly to a live television award show.

"It's going to be just like the Emmy's or the Tony awards. All the nominees will be chauffeured to the event, there will be a red

carpet, the local TV and radio stations will be there. The attire will be semi-formal," Roell said.

Roell, along with a five-member volunteer committee, planned the fundraising event.

"The Emma Awards is something I've wanted to do since I was hired, which was about three years ago. We've been working on the event since January," Roell said.

The ceremony is broken down into nine categories, which include best director, best actor, best actress, best supporting actor, supporting actress, best male vocalist, best female vocalist, costumes and best show.

"The Averitt Center produced five community productions in the 2011-2012 season. The directors, leads and major supporting roles became eligible to be considered for an Emma Award," Roell said.

To choose the nominees an anonymous group of people would go to the shows and vote on who should be picked for nominations.

"These critics will remain anonymous so that they are not bothered before and after the ceremony by nominees who wonder why they

weren't chosen to receive an award," Roell said.

Along with the categories that voters can choose from, there will also be three visual artists that will be publicly acknowledged. The awards are the Roxie Remely award, the Statesboro Regional Arts Association award and the Volunteer of the Year award.

"These people have already been accepted for the awards, so it's not up for voting," Roell said.

In addition to the actual awards that will be given out there will be a series of performances from various artists.

"The Statesboro Youth Chorale, the Statesboro Theatre, Emily Hager and Wemberly Tonder will be performing at the awards ceremony," Roell said.

Voting, which ends at midnight on May 15, has been made very simple and is open to anyone. All proceeds will go to the Averitt Center for the Arts.

Roell said, "Go online to our website and there will be a link titled the Emma Awards. You can vote for whoever you want, as much as you want, and each vote costs a dollar."

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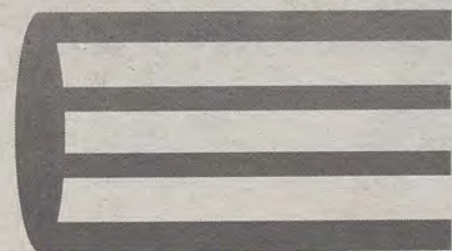
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The Lantern Walk will begin at 6:00pm with a cookout at Sweetheart Circle (please bring blankets to sit on). The walk, guided by Southern Ambassadors, will begin at 6:45pm and graduating students will walk from Sweetheart Circle through campus and end at the College of Education. We will have buses available to shuttle participants back to Sweetheart Circle until 8:00pm. The graduating students wearing their cap will be given commemorative lanterns.

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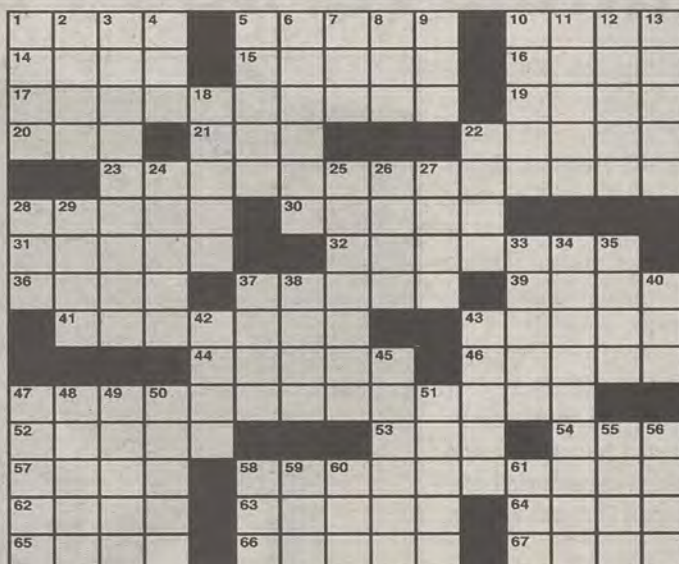
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Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

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- 1 River movement
- 5 You can count on them
- 10 Bragg of "Scrubs"
- 14 Cleanse
- 15 Does a scrapbooking task
- 16 Away from the wind
- 17 Tension-easing activity
- 19 Breathing organ
- 20 In accordance with
- 21 Road trip respite
- 22 Triangular architectural feature
- 23 Music to a collector's ears
- 28 Pursue quietly
- 30 IRS business designation
- 31 Partner of ciencias
- 32 Perfect
- 36 Warsaw
- 37 Drink suggested by the starts of 17-, 23-, 47- and 58-Across
- 39 Ancient gathering place
- 41 Fried, filled tortilla
- 43 All-out
- 44 Be gaga over
- 46 Keystone State team, familiarly
- 47 New Orleans tourist spot
- 52 Patron saint of girls
- 53 Campaigned
- 54 www address
- 57 Men's clothing cut
- 58 Starlet's benefactor, perhaps
- 62 Alien-seeking org.
- 63 Circle
- 64 Thunder sound
- 65 African antelope
- 66 Mixer that completes 37-Across
- 67 Start of North Carolina's motto



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- 3 Outclass
- 4 "Charlotte's ___"
- 5 Cut taker
- 6 White-wine cooking liquids
- 7 Diving bird
- 8 Hook shape
- 9 Leb. neighbor
- 10 Big name in restaurant surveys
- 11 Out
- 12 Yo-Yo Ma's instrument
- 13 Abductee of Paris
- 18 Skating venues
- 22 George who famously asked Knute Rockne to "win just one" for him
- 24 Ellington's "Song Go Out of My Heart"
- 25 Eyepieces
- 26 Thing to pass in class
- 27 Word with gum or rain
- 28 Gullible sort
- 29 Gillette's ___ II
- 33 "Tender ___ Night"
- 34 Rebellious dispositions
- 35 Wassailer's song
- 37 Olympic sport in which belts are worn
- 38 Second word of many fairy tales
- 40 They're rolled in Spain
- 42 Chocolate critters
- 43 Turn over
- 45 Company with a spokesbaby
- 47 ___ profundo: low voice
- 48 Obvious flirt
- 49 Kwanzaa principle
- 50 Alternate song recording
- 51 Less grilled, say
- 55 Nutritional figs.
- 56 Singer Lovett
- 58 Hem, say
- 59 Sch. founded by Jefferson
- 60 Heater
- 61 King Kong, e.g.

DOWN

- 1 Turn on a griddle
- 2 Doily material



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Sudoku

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Softball to test dominance versus Furman

Softball

BY BRIAN STONE

The George-Anne staff

The Georgia Southern softball team will wrap up its regular season when it travels to Greenville, S.C., to take on the Furman University Paladins.

Game one will start at 1 p.m. on Saturday and will finish up with a doubleheader on Sunday, starting at 11 a.m.

The Eagles are the owners of a 35-17 overall record this season and are sitting in first in the Southern Conference standings with a 19-2 record. Furman ranks eighth in the conference with a 6-15 record in SoCon games and a 17-31 record overall.

GSU is coming off of a three-game sweep of Elon University. Furman was swept in its three-game series against the

University of Tennessee at Chattanooga this past weekend.

CONFERENCE GAMES: The Eagles play best in conference games, compiling a 19-2 SoCon record and a 14-9 record away from home this season. Furman is 6-15 in SoCon games and barely above .500 at home with a record of 11-10.

HITTING: Seniors Marie Fogle and Hanna Ennis currently lead the Eagles in batting average at .405 and .268, respectively. Fogle also leads the team in home runs hit with 8. Senior catcher Mackenzie Williams leads the team in RBI's with 32. Sophomore outfielder Nikki Legg currently leads the Paladins with a batting average of .338 and senior third baseman Jessie Homesley leads the Paladins with 22 RBI's for the season.

ADVANTAGE: GSU

PITCHING: Pitchers Sarah Purvis and Brooke Red are having fantastic seasons on the mound for the Eagles,

each of them having sub-2.00 ERA's. Sophomore Allie Miles is coming off a great one-hit, nine-strikeout start against Elon on Sunday as well. Freshman pitcher Lakyn Shull leads the Furman pitching staff with 2.43 ERA and 60 strikeouts so far this season. Senior pitcher Hannah Bradley is not far behind with an ERA of 2.47 and 50 strikeouts.

ADVANTAGE: GSU

NUMBER TO WATCH: 204

Purvis leads GSU with 204 strikeouts so far this season, and is looking to add more against a lowly Furman squad. Her 204 K's are more than Furman's top two pitchers combined.

PLAYER TO WATCH: BROOKE RED

Leading the team with an ERA of 1.63, the freshman pitcher from Warner Robins has been outstanding on the mound for the Eagles this season, compiling a record of 10-1 so far.

PREDICTION: GSU SWEEPS 3-0



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Senior infielder/outfielder Jorie Walker (21) slides to homeplate.

Eagles struggle away from J.I. Clements' hospitality



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Freshman infielder Casey Kicklighter (16) sprints toward first base after putting a ball in play.

Baseball

BY CLINTON HINELY

The George-Anne staff

Games away from the friendly confines of J.I. Clements Stadium have not been too pleasant this year for the Georgia Southern University baseball team.

Prior to Wednesday night's game the Eagles boasted a 15-7 home record on the year, but that dropped to 9-14 on the road. GSU has played some top level opponents on the road this year including two games against the Georgia Institute of Technology, three games against Indiana University and one on the road at the University of Florida.

But the main concern over the team's home and away performances lies within their conference schedule.

GSU has won all three Southern Conference series it has played at home. That includes two series victories over first place Appalachian State University and second place College of Charleston.

The Eagles have won one of four SoCon series that have been played on the road. That

includes two series lost to opponents below the Eagles in the conference standings.

GSU will start its final two conference home series this weekend against Samford University, who are currently in third place, and then play Western Carolina University in a three-game series beginning May 11. The final home series against WCU could be a pivotal series as the two teams are currently tied for fifth place in the conference with identical 11-10 SoCon records.

GSU then heads on the road for the final four games of the year. The Eagles will play Kennesaw State University in a non-conference match-up before heading to Spartanburg, S.C., to face Wofford College. The Eagles will play the Terriers on May 18 before playing a double header on May 19 to finish out the regular season.

If the Eagles home form continues they can pick up series victories over two highly competitive conference foes. The series wins could put them in a good position in the conference standings before heading to face last place Wofford to close out the season.

If the Eagles can pick up that last series win on the road they can end the regular season on a high note and be prepared heading into the conference tournament.

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competed in the long jump and the triple jump during her time as an Eagle. In her freshman year she was named to the All-Freshman team for the triple jump. Since then, she has 12 top-10 performances and two first-place finishes.

"I'm going to apply to graduate schools as soon as I can. I'd like to go for health and physical education. If that doesn't work, I'll go straight into coaching track," Millicent-Brooks said.

Wray, who was not available for comment, was a major part of the field unit for the Eagles. Her events included the shot put, hammer throw and the weight throw. In her three seasons on the team she made eight top-10 finishes.

These Eagles have been practicing and competing with each other every day and now they will be looking for new things to do with their time.

"This has been a huge part of our lives. Now I'm going to have to find

stuff to do on the weekends," Millicent-Brooks said.

"I don't even want to think about it. What do regular people even do at this time of day?" Daly said.

"I've already found myself forgetting to do some of the things that I'd have to do as a runner," Robillard said.

"This was our lifestyle," Daly said.

"Now we're going to have to find new things to do," Millicent-Brooks replied.

While these Eagles will have to find new things to do during their free time, they still have a lot of faith in the team without them.

"I believe they're going to do great. With the coaches and players that will be coming back and the new people we've got coming in, they'll do well," Daly said.

"Hopefully the new seniors will step up. I know some people are already the leader type, so I see them stepping up into that position," Millicent-Brooks said.



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Seniors Azura Robillard, Raquel Daly and Millicent Brooks pose for one of their last pictures together as Georgia Southern University track and field members.

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